

Kristie A. Kenney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Robert Weisberg, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo.

Janet Ann Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Claudia A. McMurray, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

James D. McGee, of Florida, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros.

Gary A. Grappo, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management).

Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of State.

Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Donald T. Bliss, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

27 Army nominations in the rank of general.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:36 a.m., and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, February 17, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1448.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine priorities and plans for the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and to review the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Preston M. Geren, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army, James I. Finley, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, and 3,576 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Randall S. Kroszner, of New Jersey, and Kevin M. Warsh, of New York, each to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Edward P. Lazear, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET: FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for foreign affairs, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

NOAA BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., U.S. Navy (Ret.), Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and NOAA, Administrator.

OIL AND GAS LEASING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2253, to require the Secretary of the Interior to offer the 181 Area of the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas leasing, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Burton, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Thomas E. Skains, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Charlotte, North Carolina; Timothy S. Parker, Dominion Exploration and Production, Inc., Houston, Texas; Michael Gravitz, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; and Stephen R. Wilson, CF Industries Holdings, Inc., Long Grove, Illinois.

PARKS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S.J. Res. 28, resolution approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, S. 1870, to clarify the authorities for the use of certain National Park Service properties within Golden Gate National Recreation Area and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, S. 1913, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center for use as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, S. 1970, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, H.R. 562, to authorize the Government of Ukraine to es-

tablish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the victims of the manmade famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932–1933, and H.R. 318, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from John Parsons, Associate Regional Director for Lands, Resources and Planning, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Chadwick Smith, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

ENERGY OUTLOOK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Energy Information Administration's 2006 annual energy outlook on trends and issues affecting the United States' energy market, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the Administration's trade agenda for 2006, receiving testimony from Robert J. Portman, United States Trade Representative.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

COMPETITIVENESS IN EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee met to discuss the role of education in global competitiveness, receiving testimony from Erick Ajax, E.J. Ajax and Sons, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Bob Bailey, Central Virginia Community College, and Wanda E. Brooks-Crocker, Framatome ANP, Inc., both of Lynchburg, Virginia; Michael J. Bzdack, Johnson and Johnson, Inc., New Brunswick, New Jersey; Sandy Day, Omaha Public Schools, Omaha, Nebraska; Carrie Langston, Chugwater School, Chugwater, Wyoming; Tom Layzell, Council on Postsecondary Education, Frankfort, Kentucky; Mary Morningstar, University of Kansas Department of Special Education, Lawrence; Mel Riddile, JEB Stuart High School, Falls Church, Virginia; Eric Schwarz, Citizen Schools, Boston, Massachusetts; Jim Shelton, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Robin Willner, IBM Global Community Initiatives, Armonk, New York; Reygan

Freaney, Iowa City, Iowa; and Edna Varner, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 683, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Timothy C. Batten, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Thomas E. Johnston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, Aida M. Delgado-Colon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Leo Maury Gordon, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Carol E. Dinkins, of Texas, to be Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, Alan Charles Raul, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and Paul J. McNulty, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Reginald I. Lloyd, to be United States Attorney for the District of

South Carolina, and Stephen C. King, of New York, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, all of the Department of Justice.

BUDGET: VA PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who was accompanied by several of his associates; Steve Robertson, The American Legion, Quentin Kinderman, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Brian Lawrence, Disabled American Veterans, and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and David G. Greineder, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 4767–4804; and 14 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 345–347 ; and H. Res. 686–696 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3505, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–356, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 2355, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–378).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Colonel Kenneth J. Leinwand, U.S. Army, Fort Meade Installation Chaplain, Ft. Meade, Maryland.

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Condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council: Pursuant to the order of the House on February 15th, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 341, to condemn the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council, by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 12.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 687, relating to a question of privileges of the House (by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 187 noes with 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 13).

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 345, providing for the conditional adjournment of the House and the conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 20, unless it sooner has received a